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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

Applicant: Yang et al.

Serial No.: 10/770,245

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For: **DISPOSABLE HARD MASK FOR MEMORY BITLINE SCALING**

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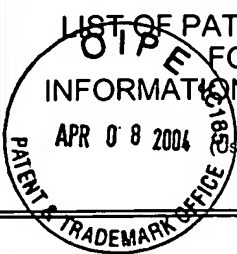
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